Similarly, to promote domestic coffee consumption, the Board recently completed a Market Research Study in urban India and based on the findings of this study, the Xth Plan programmes of the Board have proposed a suitable scheme to enhance the market share of coffee in the domestic market in the next five years.

For promotion of marketing and market information of coconut, the Department had taken up a Scheme for Integrated Development of Coconut Industry in India. Further to give focused attention to market research and promotion, a scheme on Technology Mission for Coconut has been launched during 2001-2002.

Agriculture Productivity in Adivasi Areas

3963. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to raise the productivity of agriculture in the Adivasi areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would introduce any special credit scheme' for the Adivasis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing a number of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes to increase the production and productivity of agricultural crops including providing timely and adequate credit support to farmers throughout the country including Adivasi areas. A central sector scheme on "Integrated Programme for Development of Horticulture in Hilly and Tribal areas" is also being implemented in selected districts namely Bastar (Chhattisgarh), Adilabad (Andhra Pradesh), Keonjhar (Orissa), Almora (Uttaranchal) for the development of horticulture. The State Governments/ implementing agencies have also been advised to allocate funds for Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Caste and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for Scheduled Tribes as per the Government guidelines on the subject.

Allocation for Farm Research

3964. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation made for farm research is much lower in comparison to the amount being spent in other countries;

(b) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture had recommended allocation of one per cent of the agriculture gross domestic product for research and education in the agricultural field;

(c) if so, the allocation being made in the field of research and education; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the allocation during the Tenth Five Year Plan, with a view to achieve state-of-the-art technology trained manpower, in areas like biotechnology, integrated techniques and information technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Planning Commission have allocated Rs. 4800 crore as X Plan outlay and Rs. 775 crore as Annual Plan outlay (2002-03).

(d) The allocation are decided by the Planning Commission. However, the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Indian Council of Agricultural Research are pursuing for higher allocation with the Planning Commission.

Subsidy on Chemical Fertilizers

†3965. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give subsidy on chemical fertilizers, through other means in future;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any suggestion as to which type of subsidy may be given in future; and

(c) whether Government would consider the suggestions of common citizens in this regard?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.